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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

THERE never was a juſter obſervation made, than that 'the very baſis of all *literal criticiſm* is founded 'on theſe two poſitions: the firſt, 'that an author could never fail to 'uſe the very beſt word on every 'occaſion; the ſecond, that the 'critic cannot chuſe but know which 'it is.' I am far from depreciating literal criticiſm, but I would not have thoſe, whoſe talents are confined to literals, arrogate to themſelves the name of critic, which belongs not to them. To ſpeak in their own ſtyle, the the word is derived from Κριτὴς a *judge*: I would ask what ſort of judge he would be, who, inſtead of conſidering the merits of the whole cauſe, ſhould intirely buſy himſelf in examining the phraſes, and carping at the language of thoſe that were before him? Juſt ſuch, and not a jot more, is the literal commentator, ſcholiaſt, nomenclaturiſt, or whatever leſs name you can invent; for that of *critic*, or *judge* is above him. 'Tis a miſerable thing to reflect, that to be commented upon, is only the fate of the greateſt and brighteſt genius's; and to comment upon them, is almoſt always the task of the heavieſt and moſt narrow of pedants. Yet theſe *fellows* (for ſo Dr. BENTLEY ordinarily and juſtly calls them) on every arbitrary alteration they make, confer the name of an *emendation*; as if whatever they altered, muſt neceſſarily be mended. Nay, they are arrived to ſuch inſolence, that (like footmen got into their maſters coaches) it is no longer BENTLEY at the tail of HORACE, or THEOBALD at the tail of SHAKESPEAR; but, as if the authors works were become their properties, they reſpectfully call them BENTLEY's *Horace*, or THEOBALD's *Shakeſpear*.

The laſt of theſe performances we have juſt received; and it is ſuch a maſterpiece of trifling and vanity, as would make an excellent ſubject for the public diverſion, were ſome, I could name, diſpoſed to give it. Our great editor and critic, is perpetually triumphing, like CALIGULA, for having picked up cockle-ſhells and perriwinkles. I ſhall only take notice of that pompous ſpecimen he exhibits in his *Preface*, as it is from thence he requires mankind to judge of the great uſe of literal criticiſm, the great ſagacity of literal critics, and above all, of himſelf. I will fairly repreſent the very chief of them; namely, that *golden fragment* of PLATONIUS, which he tells us has gravelled all the learned, and which he only has *reſtored* to us.

'The author (ſays Mr. T.) is relating, that, in the 'old comedy, the masks were made ſo nearly to reſemble the perſons to be ſatirized, that before the actor 'ſpoke a word, it was known whom he was to perſonate. But, in the new comedy, when Athens was 'conquered by the Macedonians, and the poets were 'fearful leſt their masks ſhould be conſtrued to reſemble 'any of their new governors, they formed them ſo preposterouſly as only to move laughter; ὀγῶμεν γᾶν (ſays he) τὰς ὀφρῦς ἐν τοῖς προσώποις τῆ Μενάνδρε κωμῳδίας ὁποίας ἔχει; καὶ ὅπως ἐξεστραμμένον τὸ ΣΩΜΑ, καὶ οὐδὲ κατὰ ἀνθρώπων φύσιν.

'*We ſee therefore what ſtrange* eye-brows *there are to* 'the masks *uſed in* MENANDER's *comedies; and how the* 'body *is diſtorted, and unlike any human creature alive.*'

'But the author, 'tis evident, is ſpeaking abſtractedly of '*masks*; and what reference has the diſtortion of the '*body* to the look of a *viſor*? I am ſatisfied PLATONIUS 'wrote; καὶ ὅπως ἐξεστραμμένον τὸ ὌΜΜΑ, (i. e.) '*and how the* eyes *were goggled and diſtorted.*'

I obſerve upon this, 1ſt, that the alteration of ὌΜΜΑ will not do his buſineſs; it ſhould be ὄμματα, and accordingly he ſlurs it upon us in his tranſlation; *the* EYES (not the EYE) *were goggled and diſtorted.* 2. This addition, *goggled*, is impoſed upon us, the Greek having but one word, ἐξεστραμμένον, *diſtorted.* 3. To make this alteration of σῶμα to ὄμμα, he totally caſts out one letter (the σ), adds another (the μ), and alters a third (the ω to ο); beſides which, were it made (as it ought to be) plural, he muſt add yet two letters more: ſo that of the whole word, only two letters would be preſerved out of fix. 'Tis therefore with much modeſty, that Mr. T. calls this a *literal criticiſm*; it is a degree higher, a *verbal* one. But however, (to ſhow him, that tho' a critic may intrench himſelf in Greek, he will not be quite defended from the obſervation, or impervious to the apprehenſion of the reſt of mankind,) I ſhall preſume to offer to the public one ſmall argument againſt theſe *eyes*. It is indeed neither a *literal* nor *verbal* criticiſm; it is only a criticiſm of common ſenſe, but of a kind ſo convincing, as (if you will pardon the phraſe) may be called an *intuitive criticiſm*, which behold here! ——

Behold the ὌΜΜΑ of Mr. THEOBALD! the *goggled and diſtorted* EYES of the ancient masks! If they had *eyes* inſtead of holes, I would only ask how could the actors ſee? I do not inquire where was his imagination; that being what theſe critics have little occaſion for: but where was his memory, to which they have ſo good a title, and which is hardly more neceſſary to a great lyar, than to a great critic. Nay, where were his own *eyes*? I will not ſay they were *goggled* and *diſtorted*; they were doubtleſs employed, (as became a true literaliſt) upon nothing but the figure of the letters σῶμα and ὄμμα, on the σ he was to turn out, and the μ he was to put in. But certainly he would ſay of another man on ſuch an occaſion, that he had never ſeen an ancient bas-relief. Would he not aſſure him, this was a true copy of the antique, and (not to ſend his learning too far) tell him, this, with many others (all without *eyes*) might be found before DACIER's *Terence*?

I know there is a paſſage in JULIUS POLLUX, which, in the manner it is cited by Mr. T. ſquints towards his opinion. But, I am aſſured, by a critic of equal authority, that that paſſage is corrupted.——And now, to ſhew him both our reverence for Greek, and our regard to *literal criticiſm*, we will reſtore this *golden fragment* ourſelves. Inſtead of σῶμα, or ὄμμα, read σόμα. Here is no letter added, no letter thrown out, but only σ turned to ς, and ω to ο, the moſt eaſy change imaginable, whether you reſpect the ſimilitude of the ſound, or the reſemblance of the letters. And then the ſenſe will be, that 'in the masks for MENANDER's *comedies*, the 'eye-brows were monſtrous, and the *mouth* very much 'diſtorted; as may be ſeen with a witneſs in the draught above, Let not Mr. THEOBALD ſay, (as critics of his rank are very jealous) that this is *making a face* at him: for we proteſt it is no way intended for a picture of Mr. THEOBALD, but only of his Criticiſms.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

THE *hiſtorical letter* concerning Dr. TINDALL's Will, having given an account of what paſſed at the breaking open of the Will Aug. 17th, and of a diſcovery made by his nephew Mr. TINDAL, Aug. 18th, of a latent 1000 l. of the Doctor's South-ſea ſtock, received by Mr. BUDGELL; proceeds to relate a remarkable converſation, which paſſed betwixt him and Mr. T. a day or two after, in the following manner.

† 'Having thus traced the 1000 l. and finding it in ſuch 'deſperate hands, and perhaps entirely conſumed, Mr. 'TINDAL, inſtead of reſolving to diſpute the Will, began to conſider how to ſecure the remains of the wreck, 'namely the Doctor's goods, and the 100 l. *bank-ſtock.* 'To this end, with the perſon who had aſſiſted in the 'diſcovery [Mr. JOHN KNAPTON]; he meets Mr. BUDGELL at Mrs. PRICE's, where he tells them, *That after the moſt diligent ſearch he finds the Doctor, inſtead of* 'being worth, *as they ſuppoſed*, 4 *or* 5000 l. *was never* 'poſſeſs'd *of more than* 1900 l. *ſtock.* Upon this report; 'they both ſhewed ſome concern, for now all their 'hopes of a third thouſand pounds entirely vaniſhed; 'and they perceived, that a bond had been ſecreted, 'and a detection hazarded, to no manner of purpoſe. 'Mr. T. knowing the ground of their concern, put the queſtion home to them, *Whether they knew any thing of the* 1000 l. *ſtock, ſold by the Doctor* June 2d, 1732? and particularly Mr. B. was asked, *Whether he had not heard the Doctor ſpeak of, or ſeen, any bank-notes relating to the ſame? Whether he knew any thing of his lending ſuch a ſum upon bond or other ſecurity?* They both over and over again affirmed in a ſolemn manner, *They knew nothing at all of the matter.* Nay, ſo very circumſtantial was Mr. B. in his denial, that he pretended, *It was now more his buſineſs than* Mr. T's *to look after the* 1000 l. *and therefore* (ſays he) *ſince you have only ſearched the* South-ſea *and* Bank, *I will employ ſome proper perſon, to examine the other ſtocks, particularly the* London *or* Royal-exchange-aſſurance, *having heard that the Doctor had ſpoke in favour of one of thoſe ſtocks.* So artfully did he pretend ignorance of what he knew he had received.

'After ſo palpable a falſity, Mr. T. goes on to repreſent how hard his caſe was, *that he had been by* Mr. B's *unfortunate interpoſition, defeated of his juſt expectations, and of the only chance he ever had, or was ever like to have, of a proviſion for his family; and therefore hoped, as the legacy would ſweep all,* Mr. B. *would agree to give him the Doctor's goods, and the* 100 l. Bank-ſtock, *for which he was willing to renounce the Will.* Mr. B. knowing there was like to be no more money in the caſe, did not care, by any means, to part with the Bank-ſtock; and therefore anſwered, that, *as things appeared, very poſſibly he might not receive above half his legacy, and therefore could not think of abſolutely reſigning the* Bank-ſtock; *but however, as he was never reckoned ungenerous, would agree to the two following articles.* 1. *That* Mr. T. *ſhould have immediate poſſeſſion of the goods. And* 2. *ſhould have alſo* 145 l. *on condition he could trace the loſt* 1000 l. Mr. T. accepting this condition, which Mr. B. had offered, only becauſe he thought it impoſſible, the articles were formally drawn up and ſigned. —— After this agreement, *ſaturday Aug.* 25th was appointed for proving the Will.'

Mr. B's account of this remarkable converſation is very different, and follows here in his own words. ‖ 'A day or 'two after [after Aug. 17th] Mr. T. came to Mr. B. and told him, '*He could not find ſo many of his uncle's effects as he expected; that he found his uncle had ſold* South-ſea ſtock *to the value of* 1000 l. *in the year* 1732. *but could not poſſibly diſcover what he had done with the money.* 'He concluded with a *propoſal* to Mr. B. about the *diviſion* of his uncle's eſtate, which he ſaid, if Mr. B. 'would but agree to, he ſhould own to all the world he 'acted like a gentleman of *honour* and *generoſity*. Mr. 'B. told him, that, *As to the* 1000 l. *which he ſaid his* 'uncle *received for* Bank-ſtock, *if he would but have patience, and leave that matter to him, he did not doubt, but in a little time, he ſhould be able to ſatisfy him how* 'that money was *diſpoſed of*. And Mr. T. deſiring him 'a ſecond time to *agree* to what he had before propoſed, Mr. B. told him, that, *To put him out of pain* 'at once, *he did agree to every* particular, *and after the* 'very manner *he himſelf had deſired*. Mr. T. returned 'him a great many thanks, and they immediately ſettled 'a day when they would go together to prove the Will 'at Doctors-commons. Mr. T. then told Mr. B. ſeveral *particulars*, which ſhewed he took him for a man 'in whom he might *ſafely* place the utmoſt *confidence*, 'and they parted with freſh aſſurances of a mutual 'friendſhip.

Obſervations by Mr. BAVIUS.

Of theſe two different accounts, the former ſeems to carry more the air of truth than the latter. It is more particular and circumſtantial; it tells us the place where the converſation paſſed; and relates ſuch queſtions as would probably be asked by one who had lately made a diſcovery, and ſuch anſwers as a perſon would, in all likelihood, return, who did not know that any ſuch diſcovery had been made. —— The latter gives a much ſhorter, and yet more confuſed relation of this tranſaction. It repreſents the reverend Mr. TINDAL as telling

† *A Copy of the Will of* Dr. Mat. Tindal, *with an account*, &c. *pag.* 13, 14, 15.

‖ *The Bee, Numb.* xxxvii. *pag.* 1629, 1630.

a direct lie, without any occaſion, in ſaying, *He could not poſſibly diſcover what his uncle had done with the* 1000 l. *South-ſea ſtock*; when he had actually diſcovered, that Mr. B. had received the money. It omits the two queſtions and anſwers mentioned in the other, as if no ſuch had paſſed; yet does not expreſly denie, that any ſuch did paſs. It agrees indeed with the former account in one circumſtance, that the *propoſal* about the *diviſion of his uncl.'s eſtate* proceeded from Mr. T. but then it makes Mr. B. give a kind of a promiſe to *ſatisfy* Mr. T. *how the* 1000 l. *was diſpoſed of*; whereas in the other it is expreſly required by Mr. B. as a *condition* upon which Mr. T. was to receive 145 l. that *he* ſhould *trace the loſt* 1000 l. himſelf. The odd miſtake of *Bank-ſtock* inſtead of *South-ſea ſtock*, might eaſily ſlip into Mr. B's account of this affair; ſince this *South-ſea ſtock* had been firſt converted into *Bank-bills*, and then received by Mr. B. from the Doctor in this latter form.

But the moſt remarkable difference between theſe two accounts, and which muſt neceſſarily give the preference to the former, is, That in this a living, unexceptionable witneſs is named; but the credit of the other depends ſolely, as far as hitherto appears, upon the veracity of the hiſtorian, who can be no witneſs at all in his own caſe.

BAVIUS.

Short, but good, advice to E. B. Eſq;

Anſwer to facts alleg'd; nor think to mask all,
Calling thy brother GRUBS *knave, villain, raskall.*
What if thoſe names ſeem juſt? —— yet if the ſtain,
Of teſtamental ink uncleans'd remain;
Of Thee the wicked world as wrong may judge,
And add thoſe titles to the great Squire BUDGE.

MÆVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*
GE. *General Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *March* 7. Laſt night his highneſs the prince of Orange ſtood godfather, and the princeſs Amelia and Caroline godmothers to the new-born daughter of the lord Harvey. *C.* &c. —— This day his highneſs din'd with Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. at his houſe in Bloomsbury-ſquare, and ſaw all Sir Hans's fine collection of rarities, after which his highneſs went with ſeveral perſons of quality, and was admitted a fellow of the royal ſociety. *LE.* —— Tueſday next is fixed for ſolemnizing the nuptials between his ſerene highneſs the prince of Orange, &c. *C. P. D P.*

Yeſterday protections were granted by the lords of the Admiralty to ſeveral watermen and others who were burgeſſes of the city and liberty of Weſtminſter, to ſecure them from being impreſſed. *C.* —— That they may have liberty to give their votes at the next election. *DP.* —— *It is ſaid, they were* preſſed *to uſe that liberty.*

We hear that the ſum of 246 l. 13 s. was collected at S. George's church Hanover-ſquare, for the charity of eſtabliſhing the new colony of Georgia, which was ſo well recommended in the excellent ſermon preached by the rev. Dr. Rundle for that purpoſe. *GE.*

'Tis concluded on all hands, that the parliament will break up about the middle of next month. *S J.* —— *But not by* all heads.

We hear from Reading in Berks, that John Dalby, Eſq; upon offering his ſervice to repreſent that town upon the Country Intereſt, was called upon by ſeveral burgeſſes to explain what he meant by the Country Intereſt; upon which he delivered a declaration in writing, to the effect following: 'That he would ſtudy the intereſt of the 'country in general, and of that town in particular; 'oppoſe the eſtabliſhment of ſtanding armies, as well as 'the ſupport of foreign troops, in time of peace; and 'all ſchemes for extending the exciſe laws, in his opinion 'already too heavy upon the ſubject; and *never accept* 'of any place or penſion under the government.' All which he offered to confirm in the moſt ſolemn manner, if required. *LE.*

Died on tueſday in Taviſtock-ſtreet, Mr. Mooring, an eminent mercer, that kept Long's warehouſe, ſaid to have died worth 60,000 l. *D J.* —— *This was* 5 days *before he did* die; *and* 40,000 l. *more than he* died worth, *according to* C. P. *Mar.* 12.

FRIDAY, *March* 8. Yeſterday his grace the lord Chamberlain of the houſhold, acquainted the nobility, &c. that the royal wedding ſhall be ſolemnized on thurſday next, between the hours of 4 and 10 in the evening. *D P.* —— We hear it is deferred upon account of the princeſs royal's being ſlightly indiſpoſed with a cold. *C.* —— The proceſſion is to be formed exactly at ſix. *S J. LE. GE. Mar.* 12.

Died yeſterday at noon, in King's-ſtreet, Bloomsbury-ſquare, James Ayloffe, Eſq; a gentleman of 800 l. per annum in the county of Bucks. *P.*

Laſt monday the drawer at the three-tun tavern in Groſvenor-ſtreet, treading on an Orange-peel, fell backwards and fractured his ſkull in ſuch a manner, that he died yeſterday in great agony. *D A.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 9. We hear from Chatham, that on tueſday Sir John Norris hoiſted his flag on board one of his majeſty's yatchs, his ſhip the Britannia, being in dock. Sir George Walton hoiſted his flag on board the Namure. *C. D P.* —— On thurſday. *P.*

Mr. Hen. Eyre is appointed purveyor of mineral waters to his majeſty. *D J.*

At a great meeting of gentlemen, &c. on thurſday at Chelmsford in Eſſex, it was unanimouſly agreed to ſet up Sir Rob. Abdy, Bart. and Tho. Bramſton, Eſq; as candidates for the county, upon the country intereſt. *P. D P.*

Yeſterday, at a very large meeting of the freeholders of the county of Middleſex at the ſun-tavern in King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, Mr. Viner was deſired to take the chair; when Mr. Clithero, expreſſing a very juſt regard for the preſent members, the hon. Mr. Bertie and Sir Francis Child, moved, that the thanks of all the gentlemen ſhould be returned to them for their faithful ſervices, which was unanimouſly agreed unto: Then Sir Robert Groſvenor, in a very handſome manner, propoſed, that Sir Francis Child and the Hon. William Pulteney, Eſq; might be invited to ſtand candidates; which was agreed to with the utmoſt unanimity, and the higheſt ſatisfaction was expreſs'd, that two ſuch worthy gentlemen ſhould unite their intereſts, who are unwilling to burthen their country with unneceſſary taxes, &c. as in the article from Reading. *D P.* —— *I ſhall ſubjoin two ingenious ſimiles of my brother C. upon this occaſion.* When I ſee two perſons of principles directly contrary, in a ſtrict alliance, and acting in conjunction with one another, I conſider them as two ſavage beaſts prowling about for prey, which neither of them can enjoy, till one has deſtroyed the other.—— Like ſome animals that we read of, between whom there is a natural antipathy, tho' they will ſometimes ingender together, yet when that monſtrous conjunction is over, they immediately turn and tear one another to pieces. *C. Mar.* 12.

Yeſterday the company of comedians in the Hay-market took poſſeſſion of Drury-lane theatre. *D A.*

Yeſterday the five malefactors were executed at Tyburn: the ſurgeons had the bodies of Judith Leeford, and Ralph Holbrook. *P.*

Married, on wedneſday, the rev. Mr. Joſeph Sell, at St. Mary Le Savoy, to miſs Mary Hudſon of Cecil-ſtreet, an agreeable young gentlewoman of 4000 l. fortune. *P.*

Died, on thurſday at his chambers in the Temple, —— Kemberley, Eſq; formerly an eminent dry-ſalter, ſaid to be worth upwards of 12,000 l. *D P.*

MONDAY, *March* 11. Yeſterday the right rev. the lord biſhop of Chicheſter preached before their majeſties, his highneſs the prince of Wales, and the three eldeſt princeſſes. *C. D J.*

To every peer of Great Britain 3 tickets for admittance to ſee are to be deliver'd; to the members of the houſe of Commons 2: to the Iriſh and Scotch peers 2 each; to the right hon. the lord mayor 100. *C. D P.*— above 100 workmen are employed day and night in finiſhing the additional building of the gallery, &c. *C.*

Mr. March, a famous corn-cutter in Salisbury-court, is appointed operator and nail-cutter to his highneſs the prince of Wales, with a ſalary of 50 guineas per annum. *D A.*

They write from Bath, that the ſunday morning before the prince of Orange came away, he was at the Abbey, where, at his deſire, the rev. Dr. Coney, the rector, preached an excellent ſermon from theſe words, *A good name is better than great riches*; for which his highneſs made him a preſent of ten guineas; and before his departure the next morning, he left a handſome ſum for the mayor to diſtribute to the poor. *D P.*

On ſaturday No. 40 m 279 came up a prize of 5000 l. and we hear it belongs to Mr. Creech, an eminent broker in Exchange-alley. *C. D P. D A.* —— No. 49 m 810 and 97 m 499, prizes of 1000 l. each, one of which we hear belongs to the right hon. the lord mayor. *C. D P.* —— And 5 m 157 a prize of 500 l. *C. D J. D A.*

On ſaturday the aſſizes ended at Chelmsford, when 8 perſons received ſentence of death. *D P.*

Died on ſaturday morning, in a very advanced age, in the privy-garden, Whitehall, her grace the dutcheſs dowager of Leeds. *P.* —— Yeſterday. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *March* 12. Yeſterday his ſerene highneſs the prince of Orange came to S. Paul's cathedral, where the dean complimented him in a very eloquent ſpeech, to which his highneſs returned a very obliging anſwer; and having ſpent an hour in viewing that noble ſtructure, and expreſſed great ſatisfaction; he went to the Tower and viewed the curioſities in that garriſon, *C. D P.*

On ſunday Capt. Edward Vernon, member for Penryn in Cornwall, kiſs'd the king's hand, on being appointed a flag officer in the royal navy. *D P.* —— The ſame day Admiral Stewart hoiſted his flag on board the Edinburgh in the Downs. *C. P. D P.*

Ambroſe Philips, Eſq; choſen knight of the ſhire for Leiceſter, in the room of Sir Clobery Noel, Bar. deceaſed, yeſterday took the oaths and his ſeat in parliament. *P.*

Briſtol, March 9. In a letter from Waterford came advice, that the Charles, arrived there from Jamaica, coming through the gulph of Florida, met a boat with 5 Banditti Spaniards in it, off the Marteers, who invited the people on ſhore, under pretence of traffick; on which the imprudent maſter gave leave to 2 young gentlemen to go on ſhore in the ſhip's yawl. The ſhip ſtaid 24 hours for their return, and they not appearing in ſight, ſailed and left them. It is conjectured, they are either murdered by the mercileſs Spaniards, or devoured by the wild Indians. *P. D J.*

Yeſterday No. 99,385 was drawn a prize of 1000 l. and No. 101,943, 500. *C.* &c.

This day at a meeting at Hick's-hall, of ſeveral juſtices of the peace for the county of Middleſex, gentlemen, clergy, and freeholders for the ſaid county, it was unanimouſly agreed to invite the marquis of Caernarvon, only ſon to his grace the duke of Chandos, to ſtand a candidate for knight of the ſhire for the county of Middleſex, in the room of Mr. Bertie, who has declined ſtanding; and this day ſe'nnight there will be a meeting to conſider of a perſon for the other candidate. *S J.* —— *In the account of this* meeting, *publiſhed in the* Courant, Mar. 13. *the word* clergy *is left out, and the following words are added:* that the county may be repreſented by gentlemen who are really friends to the Hanover ſucceſſion, and know no other intereſt than that of king George, and the Britiſh conſtitution by law eſtabliſh'd, nor factiouſly endeavour to propagate baſe and invidious diſtinctions. *C. Mar.* 13. —— It was thought remarkable, that not one clergyman was there but Orator Henley. *D J. Mar.* 13. —— *I ſhould have ſuſpected this for the* Orator's *own* remark, *had I not thought, that he diſclaimed the title.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 15. Yeſterday morning his highneſs the prince of Orange went and viewed Weſtminſter-Abbey. *C.* —— *This was* propheſied *by the* D J. *yeſterday; but* his highneſs *was not there, unleſs he went* incog.

Laſt week at a meeting of ſeveral of the Iriſh peers, who had not receiv'd ſummons's to attend the royal wedding, it was unanimouſly reſolved (in honour of the ſaid peerage) that neither peers nor peereſſes would attend the ſaid wedding as common ſpectators, or ſend for their tickets. *D P.*

The ſame day the ballot at the South-ſea houſe ſtood thus: for

Hen. Gualtier, Eſq;	496	Dr. Rob. Wood	347
Hen. Muilman, Eſq;	492	Hen. Loyd, Eſq;	288

John Caſwall, Eſq; had 219, who loſt it only by 69, againſt the directors votes and intereſt, 70 of whom were preſent: they all voted for the other 4, except Sir John Lade and Mr. Wilks, who were abſent. *C.* &c. —— Mr. Willis. *P.*

Yeſterday No. 33 m 420, and 113 m 045, were drawn prizes of 1000 l. each. *C. D P. D J.* — One of which we hear is the property of Mrs. Jackſon, a widow gentlewoman. *C.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

IN our 208th *Journal* was publiſhed the following calculation of the late Dr. TINDALL's legacies and effects.

The legacies given in the will ——	2152	10 0
Total of effects —— ——	1383	0 0
Balance deficient —— ——	769	10 0

Theſe were all the effects that appeared at the time of opening the Will. Some days after which, upon a diſcovery made by Mr. TINDAL, the Doctor's nephew, of 1000 l. of the Doctor's South-ſea ſtock received by Mr. B. in Bank-notes; he thought proper to own, That the Doctor had lent him 1000 l. on bond, but ſayed, that *with his own hands* he gave him up the bond ſeveral days after he made his Will. That this 1000 l. ought to have been added to the account of the Doctor's *effects*, was inſiſted upon in *Bee, Numb.* xli. wherein our *Journal* was much reflected upon for the omiſſion. To which my anſwer was, in our 208th number, 'That, were I never 'ſo much diſpoſed to increaſe the Doctor's *effects*, I 'could not, in conſcience, allow above 500 l. to be added out of this *bond*: becauſe, in *Bee* xxxvii, we are aſſur'd, that *the Doctor had* PART *of his money again, but the* WHOLE *bond was not paid off*; which laſt words, 'plainly intimate, that HALF of it at leaſt was payed. 'But I cannot conſent, that any part of this *bond* ſhould 'be reckoned part of his *effects* after his death; being 'fully perſuaded, that, ſince he had made a preſent of

' it to Mr. B. two days before, it was the ſame thing as ' if he had preſented him with a ſum of money of equal ' value in *ſpecie*, which muſt neceſſarily have leſſened ' his perſonal eſtate as much.' —— To all which, the ' authors of the *Bee* [*Numb.* xliii. *pag.* 170] replyed by calling it a *quibble:* but withall adding, ' It is certain, ' that when he died, he could not, *ſtrictly* ſpeaking, be ' ſaid to be worth this money: but was he not worth ' this money when he *made his Will?* and does a *re-* ' *flection* upon this *great man*, founded upon ſuch a *childiſh* ' diſtinction, deſerve a ſerious reply? Certainly it does ' not.'

Is not this granting all that was aſſerted in our *Journal*, viz. ' That *this great man* had given away in his ' Will ſome hundreds of pounds more than he died ' worth'? What ſignifies it what a man was worth when he *made his Will*, if by loſſes, or any voluntary action of his own, his effects are leſſened before he die, ſo as not to leave enough to diſcharge his legacies? Nor is it at all material, whether his *effects* have been diminiſhed two years, or *two days*, before he died; if the manner of that diminution be a ſecret at the time of opening his Will. The ſurprize, the ſuſpicion, the diſappointment, and all the other ill conſequences are the ſame. All which might have been intirely prevented, in the caſe before us, had the Doctor either, upon giving up the *bond*, ordered his ſhort *Will* to be new made; or had given it up before proper witneſſes, declaring it to be in part of the legacy bequeathed to Mr. B. and even a great part at leaſt of the ſuſpicions of foul play might have been removed, had Mr. B. himſelf frankly revealed this ſecret at the time of opening the Will. —— Apprehenſive that ſomewhat of this nature would be urged, the authors of the *Bee* [*Numb.* lii, *pag.* 551] have miſrepreſented our Journal as *affirming*, that the Doctor *bequeathed more by his Will than he was really worth*, at the time of making it. Whereas we only endeavoured to ſhew, and have actually ſhewed to a demonſtration, that, at the time of his death, his *effects* were not ſufficient to anſwer his *legacies* by ſome hundreds of pounds. Nay, this was Mr. B's opinion and declaration, if we may believe the account given in the pamphlet ſo often quoted. where it is affirmed, that, upon his diſappointment in his expectation, from the falſe notion he had entertained of the Doctor's eſtate, he uſed theſe words to Mr. T. *As things appear, very poſſibly I may not receive above half my legacy.* —— But I muſt own myſelf convinced by this *Bee* of one miſtake, which I made for want of underſtanding Mr. B's Engliſh, who had ſay'd, *the Doctor had* PART *of his money again, but the* WHOLE *bond was not paid off.* By which, it ſeems, Mr. B. meant, that HALF, *perhaps a quarter, of the Bond was not paid off:* for we are here aſſured, that *there was much more than* 500 l. *due upon the bond.* This Mr. B. here again inſiſts ſhould be added to the effects, together with *the Doctor's library*, which he gave him by word of mouth. But the ſame plain reaſon, which excludes the former, muſt exclude the latter: becauſe a Teſtator's effects, out of which the legacies in his written Will are to be diſcharged, cannot poſſibly be increaſed, after his death, by any thing which he had actually given away by words during his life; and which therefore is never put into his Inventory.

BAVIUS.

VERSES *occaſioned by viewing the* face *of the* Medal ' ſtruck ' in honour to the memory of the late great Dr. TIN- ' DALL, and admired by all who have ſeen it.'

Hah! what ſtrange figure's this, thus oddly clad,
The whore of Babylon, mounted on her pad,
The ſeven-headed beaſt in REVELATIONS,
Of harlots mother and abominations?
—— No 'tis the *beaſt*, but not the ſcarlet *whore*;
A Doctor ſtanding where ſhe rode before.
—— A Doctor! — How! I ſwear it is like no man;
'Tis rather ſome old, viſionary woman.
Nothing but ſmock and gown has this old hag on;
Who muttering ſeems inchantments o'er the dragon.
—— 'Tis Doctor TINDALL, *learned, godlike, great,*
Has driv'n his once lov'd miſtreſs from her ſeat:
Where, light reveal'd out-facing with his own,
Pope MAT now ſhines ſuperior to Pope JOAN.

DACTYL.

Since our laſt we have received a *Letter concerning the corruption of the ſtage*, one ſigned PHILO-GRUBEUS, and another BAVIO PHILUS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 1. —— *Paris, Mar.* 3. They write from Naples of the 2th paſt, that the vice-roy had publiſhed a declaration of war againſt Spain, and ordered all the Spaniards in that kingdom, to retire out of it, in a month. *D F.*

Friday, Mar. 8. —— *Hague, Mar.* 12. Our advices keep a a revolution with the ſun: if the morning lowers with ſtorms and military thunder, the evening ſets in ſerene, and the report runs peace. War lifts up her head again next day, and a ſucceſſion of different rumours ſerves to prove one confeſs'd certainty, *viz.* that we know nothing at all of the matter. *D A.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 9. —— *Genoa, Feb.* 20. They continue hard at work at Toulon upon 12 men of war, *D P.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 1. —— *Paris, Mar.* 17. The infante Don Carlos arrived the 27th at the camp at Arezzo. The firſt column of the Spaniſh troops is arrived at Perugia in the territories of the church. —— On the 13th were found at a ſurgeon's in the Marais, 15 young children dead, who were carried to the cage; but it is not yet known, whether he had them alive, or bought them of the grave-diggers. However, the ſurgeon and all his family were committed priſoners to the Chatelet, and it is believed he will be proſecuted. *C. D P.* —— A gentleman without a cockade in his hat, is thought a more ridiculous figure, than if he appeared in a ruff or a doublet; ſo high runs the paſſion for military ſervice. *D A.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 12. —— *Vienna, Mar.* 3. It is not very likely, that a peace will be made in haſte between the Turks and Perſians. *C.* —— *Hague, Mar.* 16. It is written from Vienna, that a peace is actually concluded, &c. *P.*

It is written from Breſt, that a ſquadron of 25 line of battle ſhips would be ready to ſail for the Baltick by Ap. 1. *D J.* —— *They are ſince increaſed to* 50 *ſail.*

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